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STRICT CROPPINGS

Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Calvin came up on the first boat west business at Windermere.

Mr. McQuinn have been their work and promise to do a good job in their way.

Mr. Cameron's little boys met a cougar near Windermere last day. It came very near the boys when seeing his dog made off.

P. Kimpton and Robt. Winfield on the steamer Ptarmigan yesterday call on Mr. Murdoch to complete their contract of tunnel work.

It is the time that applicants are made for time, trails and bridges. The life of a gold commissioner, with a gun in sight, less evasive than others.

P. G. Green and J. S. Johnston have been appointed commissioners for taking claims for the proposed act of the Provincial Elections Act for the British Columbia election for 1904.

John Spencer arrived in Windermere Sunday and on Monday was the subject of a North East Kootenay News. Spencer arrived on the steamer Ptarmigan, bringing with him little Mrs. Spencer, who had been for the first time.

Mr. Bennett, who has been at Fairland several years, left on the Ptarmigan yesterday for Vancouver, where he will be in time to meet his many friends in this district before his departure but he will see every success wherever he goes.

Archibald Beer, of the Duane of Kootenay, arrived at Windermere on Sunday by the steamer and concluded to spend there Tuesday morning and night at Wilmer in the evening, being invited to the same hotel. The visit was mainly for the purpose of obtaining the financial position of the church, which he is in very plain language which could be misinterpreted. The Archibald is an earnest worker and his address will long be remembered by all who heard him.

The Indians in this district are very industrious as compared with others. They are here and there and have built a lot of really good fences on their land and cleared up many areas lately. Indeed they have had to straighten out Indian wagon road and have made small miles of new road, which is an achievement in some places on the Old settlement built road. The Indians deserve much credit for their enterprise and some of them have improved their farms and raised stock that shows a few of their white neighbors.

The Outcrop reporter had a look over Mr. R. A. Kimpton's orchard at Windermere, on Sunday. All the young trees are budding out in fine shape, a number of cherry trees in bloom exceptionally fine. Mr. Kimpton stated that his big orchard of 1,000 trees, just back of Windermere was also doing well this spring and all growing nicely and would soon be in full. The reporter had not time then to see the big orchard but will do so shortly again. If this orchard proves the success it is now watered and it will be the biggest advertisement for this valley that it has ever enjoyed, and the success is watched with much enthusiasm.

Al. Moran has gone to Fort Steele.

Bert Perkin spent a few days shooting down the river last week, returning with six geese.

E. J. Sovell is erecting a picket fence around his Wilmer residence and otherwise improving his property.

The owners of the Flat Ranch mineral claim, situated on the North Fork of Tolly creek, are Crown granting it.

J. Greenfield, assistant inspector of postoffices for this province, has been appointed inspector in place of the late W. H. Dorman.

Messrs. J. E. Griffith and C. A. Warren, who so kindly brought up from Golden all the letters of the delayed mail last week, visited all the towns in this district, leaving for home again on Monday. Mr. Griffith is expected up again by next boat.

Mrs. McMillan, who left here for Nelson to visit her husband who was seriously ill in the Nelson hospital, returned on the steamer. Mr. McMillan having recovered rapidly. Mrs. McMillan is the lady who rode over 100 miles on horseback in less than two days, all alone on her way from here to Nelson and the result of which, appearing in this paper, has been quoted by many distant newspapers as "The Wonder of the Ride of a Brave Woman."

The Outcrop reporter drove out to Fairmont last Sunday. Friday and spent until Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Brewer. The happy couple appeared just as young and gay as when we first visited them, although they tried to say differently. Mr. Brewer had put much of his crops in and was putting his fruit trees and berry bushes and laying out a new strawberry plot. He said that each year his trees were so loaded with fruit that he hardly knew where to find a place to put them. All of the young trees were looking out nicely and look of strong and healthy. Speaking of planting fruit trees Mr. Brewer said that a great deal was necessary and that after working the ground thoroughly he considered it a good day's work to plant 25 small trees, and he had planted this number in years of experience here. A. J. Brewer was busy with his poultry and the culinary department, turning out the best of the kind and as the reporter carried in wood and coal, which he told many interesting chapters of the life that will not be out of the type at present. A ball in the hot springs is another of the attractions at Fairmont that was enjoyed. It is no wonder that with all the enjoyment of themselves, along with fishing and shooting, etc., that so many travelers are constantly stopping off at Fairmont for a few days or weeks, to enjoy nothing of the company of a very large family.

Bridge Competition Ended

The final game of the Bridge Competition was played by the Wilmer Ladies' Club last Thursday evening and it was brought to a close by the winning of the first boat would start up the river the next morning. The prize of a free return trip to Golden on steamer Ptarmigan, so kindly offered by Captain Armstrong, has been kindly played for by the ladies and finally won by Mrs. E. E. Evans by a majority of 10 to 4 over the highest of the other players. As is seen by the scores below Mrs. Evans won all the games played with the exception of one when Mrs. Robert got two points ahead of her. Here is the score complete:

Score	23	15	12	10	8	6	4	2	0
Score	10	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Score	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60
Score	63	66	69	72	75	78	81	84	87
Score	90	93	96	99	102	105	108	111	114
Score	117	120	123	126	129	132	135	138	141
Score	144	147	150	153	156	159	162	165	168
Score	171	174	177	180	183	186	189	192	195
Score	198	201	204	207	210	213	216	219	222
Score	225	228	231	234	237	240	243	246	249
Score	252	255	258	261	264	267	270	273	276
Score	279	282	285	288	291	294	297	300	303
Score	306	309	312	315	318	321	324	327	330
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Score	360	363	366	369	372	375	378	381	384
Score	387	390	393	396	399	402	405	408	411
Score	414	417	420	423	426	429	432	435	438
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Score	522	525	528	531	534	537	540	543	546
Score	549	552	555	558	561	564	567	570	573
Score	576	579	582	585	588	591	594	597	600
Score	603	606	609	612	615	618	621	624	627
Score	630	633	636	639	642	645	648	651	654
Score	657	660	663	666	669	672	675	678	681
Score	684	687	690	693	696	699	702	705	708
Score	711	714	717	720	723	726	729	732	735
Score	738	741	744	747	750	753	756	759	762
Score	765	768	771	774	777	780	783	786	789
Score	792	795	798	801	804	807	810	813	816
Score	819	822	825	828	831	834	837	840	843
Score	846	849	852	855	858	861	864	867	870
Score	873	876	879	882	885	888	891	894	897
Score	900	903	906	909	912	915	918	921	924
Score	927	930	933	936	939	942	945	948	951
Score	954	957	960	963	966	969	972	975	978
Score	981	984	987	990	993	996	999	1002	1005

Navigation Open

Steamer Makes the Best First Trip Ever Made

Each year the opening of navigation on the Columbia river is looked forward to with great interest, as it gives life to the opening season and stimulates every line of trade. Therefore, the great voice of the Ptarmigan had a melody in its tone at 3 o'clock on Monday that sounded "good" to the ears of the people in this valley and brought them to the river. The boat reached here just three days later than last year. Capt. Armstrong stated the boat did not get away until Sunday morning as many repairs had been made which were then completed. He said: "It was the best first-trip in the season we ever had. The water at this end was low and the sand-bars in some places were hard to get over, but on Friday we expect to arrive on time, as the improvements made gave the boat on-third faster speed than last year. I cannot yet figure on very heavy freight for this season, but the passenger business I believe will be much greater as many inquiries are coming in as a result of the pamphlets sent out. I heard from the department and believe we will be allowed a mail on each boat."

The Ptarmigan went on up to Atholmer and Windermere and started down the river again yesterday morning, taking down a few tons of Paradise ore for shipment to the Trail smelter.

A Hoss on the Government

The Victoria Times is responsible for the following story, which it says is from Peter O'Hair, of Port Kemah. The English language appears to have proved a hard nut for Peter to crack, for being apparently a beginner with a grievance against the government on account of increased taxes he says:

"This country has no free fatherland with the help of me alone. We reach here on our little boats to receive the stamp and stamp. I am a Canadian offering I am every day to be helped to clear this country, and now we have a British has ruined this country." By forcing the department Port Kemah, our correspondent appears to be saying, although he lapses into his own language in the effort. "The next move is the tax on our backs. The poor cannot pay. Then look at these hard-headed Conservative members through barrel of the port. Tax them! But then! I am then out to beg from them to do so! Where will we go? I don't know. I am tired to help us more to struggle than the poor oppose and shame their gilly team! They bought the mine with wisely gold. Now they tax the help on its mother's breast. They tax the little nation. They tax the rock upon the coast and the children that come to the shore. Come, my boys! Up we must be loyal to a man, to drive these wretches these sneaking wolves, who have no other god but gold."

A report in the London Chronicle says that a medical expert in the North of England has been demonstrating as dangerous to health, and even to the habit of getting up in a hurry, and has laid down the agreeable advice that people on waking should rub their throats, and use at bedtime. Some one may be glad to know that one of its most eminent specialists on medicine, Dr. John Talbot, of New York, holds the

Golden Nuggets

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Golden, B.C., April 28.

The steamer Ptarmigan looked to have been on the first trip of the season yesterday, but did not leave until Sunday.

W. C. Wells went through to Palmer on Monday last from Vancouver.

J. Noble, a Langlands and J. Angus have come in from between Rapids today to attend the 2,400 ft. survey to the gold mine, Port Kemah Sunday.

A. R. Yates returned from his trip to Golden on Friday and leaves on the Ptarmigan for Wilmer.

The Rifle Association held the annual meeting on Thursday evening in the Fire Hall. The members elected for the coming year are Capt. Hon. F. W. Aymer, Pres. Fred J. O. Clegg, Exec. Com. Com. G. R. Foster, E. B. Frost and G. H. Hart. A proposal was made by the Capt. that a military company be formed and that a grant be obtained from the Government to erect a drill hall.

J. Wren, who has been with the Queen's Hotel since his return from Nevada, has gone to Fair.

Miss Miller, of Vancouver, is in charge of the work on the main line of the Kootenay River.

Archibald Beer, of the Duane of Kootenay, who has been spending a few days in town in connection with his business on the steamer Ptarmigan.

W. A. Shelton, who recently purchased the Field station at Fair, is in town.

C. A. Warren and J. E. Griffith have gone up country and will return on Sunday.

Mrs. M. Mallen, of Wilmer, who has recently returned from her trip to Nelson, and Miss Spencer, of Fairley, who are now in town for a few days, are passengers on the Ptarmigan.

East and West Kootenay have enforced the plan suggested by our resolution of 15th December last, as have certain other individual boards of trade.

We have, therefore, now no hesitation in requesting your kind assistance in securing from the Government the necessary appropriation.

As you are aware the season in which field work can be effectively carried on in our mining districts is very short, and it is therefore doubtful whether the work can be effectively done in one season.

We would, therefore, suggest that the first season's work be confined to an examination of, and report on, the more developed areas (both as regards mining development and transportation facilities) as from such areas, under favorable conditions, no great expense of money or effort would be involved in securing, during the first year, the necessary areas, and possibly such more extended investigations and reports on the mining and commercial features as may be suggested by the expert engaged and may, in the opinion of the Government, be justified by the result of the first year's investigation.

To secure the services during the open months of such an authority as that of the Geological Survey, and to provide him with the necessary assistance, and with facilities for laboratory work, we estimate that an appropriation of \$10,000 will be required. As regards laboratory work we regard it as most essential that, for a number of years, certain specimens should be made to permit our prospectors and small mine owners to have their zinc analyzed free, at some central lab point.

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WARNING OF FOREST FIRES

Hints for Hunters Campers and Others

Every summer and autumn large areas of public and private forests are devastated by fire. This destruction is a universal injury. It not only destroys a valuable asset in the country's resources, but it is productive of loss. The forest is the effective means of preventing floods and producing a more regular flow of water irrigation and other useful purposes.

To prevent the much feared forest fire a law has been enacted which forbids setting fire to the woods, and forbids leaving fire (camp, fire, and others) without first extinguishing the same.

The British Columbia law provides a fine of not more than \$200 and of not less than \$50 or six months imprisonment for starting a fire and all persons who start a fire and do not put it out before leaving it are held responsible should the fire break out at any time.

This may appear hard to some, but the penalty is really not as big as it should be, as many people are so careless with camp fires and other camp damage that extend into many thousands of dollars and not infrequently loss of life.

In the United States the law provides a maximum fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for two years, or both, if the fire is set maliciously, and a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year if the fire is due to carelessness.

Commissioner W. A. Richards, of the U.S. Land office, has issued circulars, warning the public against carelessness, inasmuch as many fires start from neglected camp fires, and make the following requests, which comply with the B.C. Legislature might follow with profit:

1. Do not build a larger fire than you need.
2. Do not build your fire in dense masses of pine leaves, duff and other combustible material, where the fire is sure to spread.
3. Do not build your fire against large logs, especially rotten logs, when it requires much more work and time to put the fire out than you are willing to expend, and where you are rarely quite certain that the fire is really and completely extinguished.
4. In windy weather and in dangerous places dig a fire hole and clear off a space to secure your fire. You will save and avoid trouble.
5. Every camp fire should be completely put out before leaving the camp. Do not build fires to clear off land and for other similar purposes without obtaining the nearest ranger or supervisor, so that he may assist you.
6. As hunters, fishers and campers will soon hunt the woods and streams, it is hoped that newspaper everywhere will circulate this warning and information.

Walker Tackett left Windermere on Tuesday with a letter of intent to repair the bridge at Fairland.

Mrs. Geo. Rice left Wilmer on the steamer yesterday en route to her home near Okanagan, B.C., where she will visit for some months.

H. H. Washburn and partner are preparing to go up to get a new bridge. The Municipal Council is to get to the Chamberlain group. Eastern capitalists, who have obtained an option on the group, are sending in an expert to examine it within a week or two. There is said to be a good showing of interest in the property that contains good values.

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1904.

The Provincial Mining Association is making an effort to have placer claims crown granted in the same manner as are deep mines. Practically hydraulic mining in ancient river beds, covered more or less with detritus, is deep mining in the sense it takes as much capital as ledge mining. A member of the Provincial Mining Association states he was an ancient pioneer of the Cariboo district in the rush there nearly fifty years ago and thinks that without crown granting the country will go to the demerit bonavows. It is strange that Australia does not go to the Mantalini's bonavows instead of progressing in its mining affairs at a rate that is shaming this province—more than its equal in mineral wealth. The Australian system of leasing from year to year, up to 20 years, with a renewal of the lease afterwards for the same terms, and so on indefinitely, gives quite sufficient security for capital to invest. Crown granting gives permanency. So does leasing in the manner indicated. Crown granting as practiced here gives no security that the property will be worked. Leasing does if done on the Australian plan, for a certain amount of work must be done every year. So many men must be employed for every acre of ground taken up or machinery to the value of these men's wages must be put in place. The Cariboo men object that if there is a drought there will not be sufficient water to work their hydraulic claims. Australia is even more a country of drought and sometimes, though rarely, suffers from drought for several seasons in succession. But where a mine in the Antipodes is so hampered it simply applies for an extension to the official occupying the place of our gold commissioner and sets forth the facts and is released from working on such estate assigned if found to be reasonable.

The only real reason for granting the exclusive right to work any piece of ground belonging to the country to any man or company is that that man or company will really work the plot assigned and so build up the country by developing its resources and by so doing building up a population. If he does not do this there really is no valid reason why he should be allowed to squat on the land and prevent its development, or, having once opened the mine shut it down at his own good pleasure, throwing any number of men out of work and possibly dislocating a whole district. For, take the case of a couple of mines employing between them 800 men. That will mean a population of between 3,000 and 4,000 alone. Now take into account the army of retail dealers, tailors, carpenters, bootmakers, etc., who will necessarily add to the population in order to supply the wants of the miners. Next the government tells settlers there is a market of some 6,000 people in a certain district, and in comes family after family, who begin to grow market produce and corn, to raise cattle and poultry and convert a wilderness into a cultivated and cultured spot. Then under our present wise laws, the management of those two mines may choose to mismanage matters so that the properties become bankrupt. They close down, and as the properties are crown granted nobody may take a hold. Or the management may take into their head to cut wages or lengthen hours or otherwise to interfere with the tacit compact that had hitherto existed. There is a shut down and the whole district suffers. The miners go and their purveyors have to go also. The farms are abandoned, for there is no longer any market, and hundreds of people are ruined. This is the power that crown granting gives.

Under the lease this cannot be done. The mine may not shut down without cause. If there is a dispute with labor the management cannot say there is nothing to arbitrate. The government forces them to arbitrate or it will not grant an extension of the lease and in such case the first comer can take the whole property just as it stands on condition that he works it. When the Provincial Mining Association is asking for the crown granting of these alluvial claims they are asking for a power that no man should possess, a power that is working infinite harm where ever it has been granted and is the cause of numberless strikes and riots, both in this country and the United

States. The existing system of crown granting is denounced by the Canadian Mining Institute, through the person of its president, as bad enough now without extending it any further.

The foregoing is from the Rossland Evening World and while The Outcrop cannot agree with it entirely, still we believe that the article will be read with interest and profit. Perhaps the strongest point to be urged against the argument is that when a prospector has spent months searching for placer ground and is successful he finds it is so far from transportation that he cannot work the ground and if he cannot crown grant he must abandon it and his hard work is lost to him because his capital is small, while the men who have money reap the reward of his labor. Still even this might be regulated satisfactorily with the leasing system.

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